



In Memory of Arthur W. Lueken, Sr.

[September 1923 – August 28, 2002]



Beloved Son, Husband, Father, Grandfather; Veronica's loyal and dedicated husband and protector and Our Lady's faithful and true, worker for 34 years.

Arthur grew up in Ferdinand, Indiana near the well known St. Meinrod Benedictine Monastery. Arthur was laid to rest and buried with his beloved Veronica at Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery on the same Saturday he met her in 1945 in Flushing Meadows Park – Saturday, Labor Day Weekend and they were married the following November 1945.

After Veronica passed in 1995, Arthur would proudly say *'they were married 49 years and 9 months.'* Our Lady referred to Arthur in two Vigil messages as, *'your good husband'* and *"your dear husband, Arthur"*,

June 18 1982

May he rest in peace with Veronica and their dear sons Raymond, Arthur, Jr. 'Butch', and Larry and their granddaughter Patricia.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let Perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen



Arthur Lueken



Mt. St. Mary Roman Catholic Diocesan Cemetery

Arthur Lueken June 1995 in Flushing Meadows Park talking of his wonderful life with his dear wife Veronica and the mission from Heaven for 25 Years with tears while Veronica was suffering tremendously in the hospital with numerous complications.

[See Mr. Lueken's entire talk on the Shrine 25 Anniversary Video – 'In the Beginning with Arthur Lueken'.]

Veronica passed over the veil a few weeks later on August 3, 1995 and asked Arthur to continue the Mission from heaven. Veronica said to Arthur often at home, *"if anything ever happens to me, I want you to continue the mission."* Veronica had placed this in writing on the legal document of the Shrine Corporation papers filed in the late 1970's in the State of New York with Arthur as the 2nd officer of Our Lady of the Roses Non Profit Corp.

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Arthur Lueken at the early Vigil at St. Roberts sitting on the left. Veronica was unable to attend but a miraculous beam of light descends on Veronica's chair beside her husband Arthur.



Vigil June 18, 1996 holding Veronica's Shrine Vigil Crucifix kissed by Our Lady
(now in the Shrine Archives)

A photo of Mr. Arthur Lueken, Veronica Lueken's husband taken in June 1995 in front of the Unisphere built for the 1964-65 World's Fair in Flushing Meadows Park, NY. Mr. Lueken gave a talk on videotape for the Shrine's 25th anniversary explaining the early days of the mission with Veronica. Arthur met Veronica at the skating rink across from the Unisphere and near the Vatican Pavilion site where the rosary vigils are held temporarily since June 1975 from St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Bayside. The video, available at the Shrine and shown on cable stations across the country, is called "In the Beginning with Arthur Lueken". Sadly, Veronica passed away only two months later on Aug 3, 1995, after a long illness and just three months before their 50th wedding anniversary.